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1. From a letter from Lvov, West Ukraine, dtd 3 June 1967 sent to relatives in the States:

"... This year on Whitsuntide there was a great commemoration of the dead in Lvov on Yaniyske Cemetery. A wreath with a dedication from inhabitants of Lvov was put on Tarnavskiyi's grave. Also on all the other graves there were candles and flowers. There were thousands of people at the Cemetery, they sang national songs and late in the evening went home..."

2. From a letter from Prague, CSSR dtd 25 Apr 1967, sent to the CBS, Ukrainian Desk, Montreal, Canada:

"...Listening to you and those from the white cottage (N.B. the VOA as identified with the White House) I must say that your (program) is much better. The others (the VOA) speak too much about local matters and as to the modern music we have enough of it also here..."

Some remarks: you are well heard though sometimes the elder brother interferes. So it would be better to hear you between 17 and 19 hrs but as it is now without colliding with some other programs. Also : fewer commentaries on local problems and more about our own. Introduce at least for 5 minutes historical comentaries on famous events in our past as for intance about Kruty, Bazar etc. Also about our kniazi and hetmany, and other famous personalities. For our young generation does not know much about them and much learns in a distorted form."

3. On ~~11~~ July 1967 there arrived to Montreal, Que., Canada as a guest of the CBC, Ukrainian Desk, DMYTRIV Mykola, editor of a local paper in BOHORODCHANY, West Ukraine, in company of sister of Dr Antonevych of Oshawa, teacher of music in IVANOFRANKIVSK, West Ukraine. DMYTRIV won a prize for his article "The Man and His World" ~~which had been~~ offered to foreign listeners by the CBC last year in connection with Expo 1967.

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The prize^{was} a week stay in Montreal, Que. at the CBC's costs.

The Russian winner of the prize did not come. Soviet authorities notified the CBC that they would not let him go to Canada because he was "mentally unbalanced".

DMYTRIV confirmed the arrests and trials of 1965/66, denied, however that there were any arrests lately. A detailed report will follow.

DMYTRIV is Ukrainian, stems from Bohorodchany, West Ukraine, WW II spent in the Far East in the mines where he was sent in 1940 after his draft into the Army.

4. On 13 July 1967 OVCHARENKO F.D. of the UkrSSR Mission, New York read a paper on economic and cultural achievements of the Ukrainian Republic at the Home of Ukrainian Workers at 85 E 4th Street. He spoke like "a Ukrainian patriot" but said nothing beyond usual statistics and assurances that "we'll do all we can to improve the situation in Ukraine".

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